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## **Retirees Support Pelosi for Speaker**

*Statement of Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, on Nancy Pelosi's bid to be the next Speaker of the House.*

"Retirees could not have a better champion or more tireless advocate than Nancy Pelosi.

"She has not only earned a 100% lifetime pro-retiree score in the Alliance's Congressional Voting Record but time and again as Speaker and Democratic Leader she has strengthened retirement security. In particular, the earned health care and Social Security benefits that we have paid for through a lifetime of work are more secure because of her leadership.

"She was the leading force in stopping President George W. Bush's reckless plan to privatize Social Security. She has saved Medicare from a host of risky schemes and budget cuts. She ensured that the Affordable Care Act closed the prescription drug doughnut hole, provided free preventive health screenings for Medicare beneficiaries and provided protections for millions of Americans with pre-existing conditions. Millions of older Americans are leading more active and healthier lives because of Nancy Pelosi.

"Leader Pelosi has the support of the 4.4 million members of the Alliance for Retired Americans to be the new House Speaker. The Alliance looks forward to working with her to further strengthen Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security for current and future retirees."

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